

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Achtermann et al.**

§ Group Art Unit: **2157**

Serial No.: **09/438,436**

§ Examiner: **Todd, Gregory G.**

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For: **Apparatus for Connection  
Management and the Method Therefor**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Final Office Action of July 2, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.